GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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MINERAL WATER
AJAY CHAKRABORTY

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) laboratories have no facilities at present to test the bottled mineral water;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the steps being taken to upgrade the laboratories working under BIS?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) & (b): The Central Lab of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) at Sahibabad is equipped to test the Bottled Water excepting some tests required for Radio Active Residues which are tested at Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Mumbai. BIS has also recognized 12 outside laboratories as per International norms for testing of samples of Bottled Water as per Indian Standards 14543:1998 and 13428:1998.